## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing system implemented method for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

receiving a request for a document from a client;

passing the request to an origin/server;

receiving the requested document from the origin server;

determining information regarding each sometic characteristic of a requested document wherein the information regarding each semantic characteristic is contained within a semantic tag in the requested document;

performing a syntactical transcoding on the requested document, wherein at least one semantic characteristic of the requested document is converted based on the information regarding each semantic characteristic of the requested document; and sending the requested document with the at least one converted semantic

characteristic to the client.

- 2. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 1 further comprises receiving at least one semantic characteristic preference from the client, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is automatically converted based on the at least one semantic characteristic preference.
- 3. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is readability level of the requested document.
- 4. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 3, wherein the at least one semantic characteristics is the readability level of the requested document.
- 5. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is locale.

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- 6. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 5, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the locale characteristic of the requested document.
- 7. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is conformance with specified governmental regulations by the requested document.
- 8. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 7, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the conformance with specified governmental regulations of the requested document.
- 9. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is conformance with specified content filtering in the requested document.
- 10. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 9, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the conformance with specified content filtering of the requested document
- 11. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 2, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is the natural language of the requested document.
- 12. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 11, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the natural language of the requested document.
- 13. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 2 further comprises comparing the at least one semantic characteristic preference received

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from the client with semantic conversion features supported by the transcoder processing system.

- 14. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 13, wherein the step of passing the request to a server further comprises passing the request to a transcoding server on the basis of the comparison.
- 15. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing system implemented method for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

receiving at least one semantic characteristic preference from a client wherein the semantic characteristic preference is selected from the group including readability level, locale and compliance with government regulations;

syntactically transcoding a document; and

converting at least one of the semantic characteristics of the document, wherein converting is based on the at least one semantic characteristic preference.

- 16. (Currently amended) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic preference is one of readability level, locale, content filtering, and compliance with governmental regulations, and natural language.
- 17. (Original) The transcoder processing system implemented method recited in claim 15, further comprising:

transcoding the document using one of a protocol transcoder and a device transcoder.

18. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing system implemented method for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

requesting a document from an origin server from a client;

transmitting at least one semantic characteristic preference from a client, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic preference is one of readability level, locale,

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content-filtering, and compliance with governmental regulations, and natural-language;

receiving the document, wherein the document has been syntactically transcoded and converted using the at least one semantic characteristic preference.

19. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing system for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

passing means for receiving a request for a document from a client;
passing means for passing the request to an origin server;
receiving means for receiving the requested document from the origin server;
determining information requestion and the requested document from the origin server;

determining information regarding each semantic characteristic of a requested document wherein the information regarding each semantic characteristic is contained within a semantic tag in the requested document;

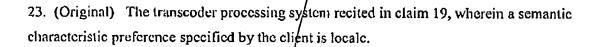
performing means for performing a syntactical transcoding on the requested document, wherein at least one semantic characteristic of the requested document is converted based on the information regarding each semantic characteristic of the requested document; and

sending means for sending the converted document with the at least one converted semantic characteristic to the requesting client.

- 20. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 19 further comprises receiving means for receiving at least one semantic characteristic preference from the client.
- 21. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 19, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is readability level of the requested document.
- 22. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 21, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the readability level of the requested document.

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- 24. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 23, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the locale characteristic of the requested document.
- 25. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 19, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is conformance with specified governmental regulations by the requested document.
- 26. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 25, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the conformance with specified governmental regulations of the requested document.
- 27. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 19, wherein a semantic characteristic preference specified by the client is conformance with specified content filtering in the requested document.
- 28. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 27, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic is the conformance with specified content filtering of the requested document.
- 29. (Cancelled)
- 30. (Cancelled)
- 31. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 19 further comprises comparing means for comparing the at least one semantic characteristic preference received from the client with semantic conversion features supported by the transcoder processing system.

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32. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 31, wherein the passing means for passing the request to a server further comprises passing means for passing the request to a transcoding server on the basis of the comparison.

33. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing system for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

receiving means for receiving at least one semantic characteristic preference from a client;

syntactical means for syntactically transcoding a document; and converting means for converting at least one of the semantic characteristics of the document, wherein the semantic characteristic is selected from the group including readability level, locate and compliance with government regulations, and wherein converting is based on the at least one semantic characteristic preference.

- 34. (Currently amended) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 33, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic preference is one of readability level, locale, content filtering, and compliance with governmental regulations, and natural language.
- 35. (Original) The transcoder processing system recited in claim 33, further comprising: transcoding means for transcoding the document using one of a protocol transcoder and a device transcoder.
- 36. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing system for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

requesting means for requesting a document from an origin server from a client; transmitting means for transmitting at least one semantic characteristic preference from a client, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic preference is one of readability level, locale, content filtering, and compliance with governmental regulations; and natural language; and

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receiving means for receiving the document, wherein the document has been syntactically transcoded and converted using the at least one semantic characteristic preference.

37. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing computer program product for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

receiving instructions for receiving a request for a document from a client;
passing instructions for passing the request to an origin server;
receiving instructions for receiving the requested document from the origin server:

determining instructions for determining information regarding each semantic characteristic of a requested document wherein the information regarding each semantic characteristic is contained within a semantic tag in the requested document:

performing instructions for performing a syntactical transcoding on the requested document, wherein at least one semantic characteristic of the requested document is converted based on the information regarding each semantic characteristic of the requested document; and

sending instructions for sending the converted document with the at least one converted semantic characteristic to the requesting client.

38. (Currently amended) A transcoder processing computer program product for converting documents based on semantic characteristics, comprising:

requesting instructions for requesting a document from an origin server from a client;

transmitting instructions for transmitting at least one semantic characteristic preference from a client, wherein the at least one semantic characteristic preference is one of readability level, locale, content filtering, and compliance with governmental regulations, and natural language; and

receiving instructions for receiving the document, wherein the document has been syntactically transcoded and converted using the at least one semantic characteristic preferences.

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